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1. MISSION AUTHORIZED RAISE U.K. EXPORT INSURANCE SCHEME IN GATT COUNCIL AS MEASURE WHICH U.S. BELIEVES IS CONTRARY TO PROVISIONS OF THE GATT. YOU SHOULD NOT SEEK PLACE ITEM ON FORMAL AGENDA BUT MAKE STATEMENT UNDER OTHER BUSINESS. FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS WILL FOLLOW.

2. RE AUSTRALIAN ART XIX ACTION ON STEEL SHEETS AND PLATE, MISSION SHOULD SEEK INCLUSION THIS ITEM ON FORMAL AGENDA AND ACCEPT AUSTRALIAN OFFER TO CONSULT.

3. WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE HIGHLY USEFUL FOR GATT COUNCIL MEMBERS EXPRESS THEIR CONCERN OVER APPARENT DIRECTION OF AUSTRALIAN TRADE POLICY AS EVIDENCED BY SERIES OF RECENT AUSTRALIAN ACTIONS. HOWEVER, MISSION SHOULD NOT TAKE INITIATIVE TO PLACE THIS ISSUE ON THE FORMAL COUNCIL AGENDA. IF OTHERS SEEK FORMAL AGENDA ITEM, MISSION MAY GIVE LOW-KEY SUPPORT. (FYI: WE CONCERNED THAT PRESSING AUSTRALIANS TOO HARD AT THIS TIME MAY MAKE MORE DIFFICULT OUR CURRENT NEGO-

TIATIONS WITH THEM ON MEAT. END FYI). OTHERWISE, MISSION IS AUTHORIZED TO MAKE A STATEMENT UNDER AGENDA ITEM OTHER BUSINESS, DRAWING ON STATE 55008 FOR THIS PURPOSE. IF OTHERS PROPOSE ESTABLISHMENT OF A WORKING PARTY WITH TERMS OF REFERENCE ALONG LINES SUGGESTED REFTTEL, MISSION MAY SUPPORT BUT AGAIN SHOULD NOT TAKE THE INITIATIVE. INGERSOLL

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